

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/705,885
Response to Office Action dated March 21, 2005

REMARKS

Claims 40-50 and 52-64 are pending in this application, of which claims 40, 42, 44, 46-50, 52-54, 56, 58-60 and 62-64 have been amended. Claims 39 and 51 have been canceled. No new claims have been added.

The Examiner has indicted that claims 42-45, 49, 54-57 and 61 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. (The indication that claim 62 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form on page 3 is apparently a typographical error.)

Accordingly, independent claims 39 and 51 have been canceled; claims 42, 44, 49, 54, 56 and 61 have been amended by rewriting them in independent form; claims 40, 46-48 and 50 have been amended to depend from claim 42; and claims 52-53, 58-60 and 62-64 have been amended to depend from claim 54.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims 40-50 and 52-64, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

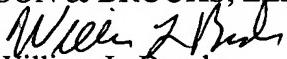
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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